GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of drinking water projects of certain States particularly West Bengal are pending with the Government for special assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations for which they are meant for, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for their pendency indicating the details of such projects completed recently in the rural areas of each State; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (d) So far as World Bank funding is concerned, no proposal in respect of rural water supply for West Bengal is pending. Three Rural Water Supply and Sanitation projects have been posed to the World Bank for possible funding. These are:
? Uttaranchal Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project II - proposing to cover all districts in the State to benefit 1.5 million rural populations in about 1000 Village Panchayats.? Tamil Nadu Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project II - proposing to cover all districts in the State comprising 12,618 Village Panchayats encompassing about 82,000 habitations? Punjab Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project II - proposing to cover 17 districts to benefit 10 million rural populations in about 8000 Village Panchayat.

A rural water supply and sanitation project, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1800 crores and seeking assistance for Rs. 610 crores, was also received in July 2005 from Jharkhand government. The project has been forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for posing to the World Bank.

The details of the World Bank funded Rural Water Supply & Sanitation projects completed in the rural areas are as follows:
Karnataka Integrated Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project costing US$ 117.8 million. The project implementation started in 1993 and was completed in September 2000.? Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project costing US$ 140.8 million. The project started in March 1991 and was completed in June 1998. Uttar Pradesh Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (Swajal) costing US$ 71.0 million. The project implementation started in August 1996 and was completed in May 2003.